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SUBJ: ALGERIAN STATEMENT ON PUERTO RICO: COMITE IV,
NOVEMBER 26

REF: A) USUN 5143 NOTAL AND B) USUN 5002 NOTAL

WE HAVE TWO OBSERVATIONS ON MEETING REPORTED IN REFTEL
A:

1. FIRST, ALGERIAN PRESENTATION, BECAUSE OF ITS
EXAGGERATIONS IN SUBSTANCE AND IN LENGTH, WAS CONSIDERED
BOTH EMBARRASSING AND UNDULY ANTAGONISTIC BY MANY "NON-
ALIGNED" REPS, INCLUDING THOSE OF TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA
AND INDIA. COUPLED WITH EXTENDED REMARKS OF ALGERIAN
REP RAHAL IN PLENARY NOV 22, OVERY LONG-WINDED NEGATIVE
ALGERIAN STATEMENTS ARE LOSING THEIR EFFECT AND SOME OF
THEIR SUPPORTERS, ALTHOUGH "NATURAL ALLIANCE" BETWEEN
ALGERIANS AND CUBANS, ON PUERTO RICO, SEEMS AS CLOSE AS
EVER.

2. SECOND OBSERVATION IS THAT COMITE IV CHAIRMAN DIAZ
GONZALEZ (VENEZUELA) NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN SOMEWHAT OF
A FIX CONCERNING HIS NOV 16 STATEMENT ON THE COMITE'S
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COMPETENCE TO DISCUSS PUERTO RICO, HAVING MODIFIED HIS

OFFENSIVE REMARKS ON PUERTO RICO FOR THE SUMMARY RECORD
(REFTEL B). ALGERIA, CUBA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA NOW ARE
CALLING FOR DIAZ GONZALEZ' COMMENTS TO BE REPRODUCED
IN EXTENSO, AS THE COMMITTEE HAD AGREED. IT MAY WELL BE,
HOWEVER, THAT YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS WILL BE LAST WE
HEAR ON THE MATTER AND THAT ALGERIANS ET AL WILL BE
SATISFIED WITH HAVING GONE ON THE RECORD ON THIS POINT.
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